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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination Applicants respectfully request entry of the substitute paper copy and computer-readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed herewith for the instant application. Furthermore, applicants request entry of the following amendments.

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 25 with the following rewritten paragraph:

B1 --In a preferred embodiment, cells, tissue or organs are contacted with an immunoprotecting amount of an Hsp47-related immunoprotective polypeptide. In one aspect, the polypeptide comprises the sequence AX₁X₂X₃AX₄X₅X₆R (SEQ ID NO:1). In this preferred embodiment, X₁ is V, L, A or T, X₂ is L or H, X₃ is S or V, X₄ is D or E, X₅ is Q, K or R, and X₆ is L or V. In another aspect, the polypeptide comprises the sequence AX₁X₂X₃AEQLR (SEQ ID NO:29), where X₁, X₂ and X₃ can be any amino acid. In a particularly preferred embodiment the polypeptide comprises the sequence AVLSAEQLR (SEQ ID NO:3). Polypeptides containing

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